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January 31, 1931.

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Subject: Current Events for the Month of January.

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1. The sum of 5,638,368.37 gold pesos equalling 12,814,473.56 paper pesos, was withdrawn from the Conversion Office and shipped aboard the "Western Prince", January 12th, to New York. The gold balance remaining in the Conversion Office totalled 420,135,549 gold pesos with the equivalent in paper of 954,835,492.31. The amount in general circulation was 1,247,871,750.75 paper pesos.

2. On January 15th, the Bank of the Nation withdrew 5,182,000 gold pesos from the Conversion Office to be sent to Europe to help stabilize the Argentine peso.

3. The Munson liner "Western World" sailed January 16th from Buenos Aires, carrying aboard 5,000,000 gold pesos drawn from the Conversion Office by the Bank of the Nation, to be delivered in New York for the purpose of stabilizing the exchange.

4. On January 26th, the Bank of the Nation made a new shipment of gold to New York, by the S.S. Northern Prince, consisting of the sum of 5,289,240 gold, which is destined to pay the services of interest and amortization of the external debt in accord with the decree which authorizes the Bank of the Nation to withdraw gold for that purpose from the Caja de Conversion.

5. Captain Leopoldo de Gomensoro, Naval Attache to the Brazilian Embassy, sailed for Rio de Janeiro on January 7th.

6. Lt. Col. Carlos Von der Becke, newly appointed Military Attache for Germany, sailed January 7th to take up his new duties there.

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7. On January 2nd, the military aviator, Captain Castex Lainfor sailed aboard the "Southern Cross" for New York on an official mission relative to the purchase of material for the Argentine Air Force.

8. The Provisional Government issued, on January 16th through the medium of the Ministry of the Interior, a decree whereby it approves the budget prepared for the present year by the Municipality of the Federal Capital.

9. The President of the Provisional Government signed a decree January 9th, approving the scale of promotion in the Army, prepared by the Minister of War. The promotions comprise all the ranks from Lieutenant to Lt. Colonel both inclusive in the different arms and auxiliary corps.

10. The work of incorporating the 1910 class of conscripts into the Army and Navy has been concluded. Statistics published January 15th reported that 25,600 were admitted to the former and 11,000 to the latter.

11. The Council of the League of Nations has invited Agricultural Engineer Miguel F. Casares, Exsecretary of the Rural Argentine Society, to be a delegate to the meeting of the Consulting Economic Committee of the League, which will take place in Geneva on February 12th.

The Minister of Agriculture has appointed Dr. Argentine V. Acerboni, to accompany Mr. Casares, as secretary. Both sailed on January 11th for Europe where they will also visit the large agricultural markets for the purpose of studying their relations with Argentine agricultural production.

12. On January 23rd an edict of the Chief of Police approved by the Provisional Government, makes compulsory the closing at 7 p.m. of all retail and commercial establishments operating within the municipal limits of the Federal Capital. Hotels, restaurants, cafes, public houses, delicatessen establishments, barber shops, cigarette shops, chemist shops and establishments serving food and foodstuffs are excepted. Those who fail to comply will be subject to a fine of \$50.00 or fifteen days arrest for the first offense. For subsequent offenses there will be a fine of \$100.00 or thirty days arrest.

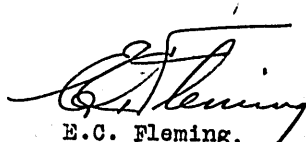
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13. On January 25th, a scientific mission left Buenos Aires for the Orkney Islands, aboard the hydrographical boat "Primero de Mayo", in order to relieve the mission stationed at the Meteorological Observatory. Special preparations in the way of new instruments etc. have been made for this year's expedition, in view of the forthcoming so-called "Polar Year" of 1932 in which the principal nations of the world will take part. (South Orkney Islands)

14. On January 24th, the President of the Provisional Government, General Uriburu, the United States Ambassador and various officials of State as well as representatives of banking and commerce, witnessed the inauguration of the first factory of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Argentina. This is considered another step forward in Argentina's industrial development.

15. On January 15th, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales spoke from St. James Palace, London, via Transradio International with Sir Herbert Gibson, Chairman of the British Empire Trade Fair relative to the forthcoming exhibition.

16. On January 8th, H.M.S. Danae arrived at Puerto Belgrano from where she is proceeding to various Argentine and Uruguayan ports. In March she will return to Buenos Aires to meet the other units of the Squadron i.e. H.M.S. Eagle, Dispatch and Archides. This visit is in connection with the forthcoming British Trade Fair.

  
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February 28, 1931.

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Subject: Current Events for the Month of February.

To: A.C. of S., G-2

1. The disbandment of the conscripts of the military class of 1909 began on February 1st. and ended on February 15th.
2. On February 2nd., Transradio International inaugurated direct wireless telegraphic communications with Amsterdam. Telegrams of cordial greeting were exchanged by the President of the Provisional Government and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. The Transradio Company has secured a contract for the exploitation of the line with the Dutch authorities and will work the line in conjunction with the direct Great Britain services to the United States, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay.
3. During the first few days of February, the Government issued 2000 free passages to unemployed immigrants in Argentina wishing to return to their homes. The majority were Polish and Czecho-Slovakian, also some Greeks, Turks, Syrians and Italians. These passages were accepted.
4. Supplementary to Law No. 11283 and the regulating decree which established a tax of 10% on all steamship passages to foreign ports, the Provisional Government issued a decree on the 9th. of February fixing a minimum of \$20.00 on all first class tickets issued and \$10.00 for second class. Exceptions are to be made only in the special circumstances provided in the congressional measure referred to.
5. By a decree of the Provisional Government dated February 3rd., the granting of colonization loans by the National Mortgage Bank is modified, extending the maximum of loans to be accorded to one person to \$50,000 m/n.
6. Arising out of the failure of the country's producers to find a local market for their crops, on February 21st. for the first time on record, Argentine potatoes were shipped to the United Kingdom. The trial consignment totalled 1,500 boxes of 50 kilos each. The potatoes were carefully selected, and it is hoped if they prove acceptable to open a regular trade.

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7. By the S.S. Western World on February 27th. a shipment of 2,398,250 gold pesos was made by the Bank of the Nation to pay off national and provincial foreign debt services. This leaves a remainder of 402,531,973 gold pesos in the Conversion Office.

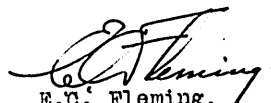
8. On February 23rd. the Minister of Finance cabled the Argentine Embassy in Washington to place the sum of \$1,403,000 at the disposal of the agents of the loan of \$40,000,000, being the amount of the services of interest and amortization to March 1st.

9. On February 2nd. the new Minister of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Agustin Acevedo, accredited to Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay arrived in Buenos Aires.

10. The distinguished economist and banking expert - Dr. Joseph Schilling - Vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Reichsbank, Berlin, arrived in Buenos Aires on February 12th. His services have been contracted for a period by the Bank of the Nation for the purpose of instructing the staff of Argentina's first credit institution in the use of mechanical accountancy system and to install methods employed in Europe for the handling of checks and similar documents.

11. On February 10th. Lt. Col. Pedro P. Ramirez was designated Aeronautical Attache to the Argentine Embassy in Italy.

12. The Argentine training-ship "President Sarmiento" left the North Basin on February 21st. to initiate her 31st. voyage of instruction of the Naval Cadets who graduated last year. Captain Francisco Lajous is in command of the ship.

  
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March 31, 1931.

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Subject: Current Events for the Month of March.

To: A. C. of S., G-2

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1. By the s/s "Western Prince" which sailed on the 9th. of March for New York, the Banco de la Nacion shipped coined gold representing the value of 3,857,000 dollars destined to pay the services of National and Provincial loans.

2. On March 26th. the Minister of Finance cabled instructions to the Argentine Embassy in Washington, authorizing the payment of 1,631,000 dollars, to the respective bankers as interest and amortization on loans of 29,700,000 and 16,900,000 dollars.

3. On March 7th. nineteen persons who formerly were engaged in political activities on behalf of the deposed Radical regime left for Ushuaia aboard the national transport "Chaco."

4. On March 20th. Father Gabriel E. Cuello who was involved in the recent counter-revolutionary plot fostered by General Severo Toranzo (See our Report No. 4314) was sent in custody to Rome aboard the "Conte Rosso" by his superiors in the Franciscan Order. It is understood that severe punishment will be applied to Father Cuello by the Superior General of the Order in Rome.

5. By order of the Provisional Government, the Peruvian politicians, Manuel Peone and Luis Heyssen, were deported to their country on March 23rd. Both men were members of the group called "Apra" which exists in Peru.

6. On March 4th. the Provisional Government issued a decree suspending the state of siege in the Province of Buenos Aires for one month so as to guarantee political liberty during the elections that take place on April 5th.

7. As of March 27th. the Provisional Government has cancelled the recent order under which it was necessary for all persons travelling between Argentina and Uruguay to provide themselves with vaccination certificates. (See our Report No. 4312)

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8. On the 10th. of March the Provisional Government issued a decree authorizing the National Interventor in Corrientes to convoke the electors in that Province to the local elections on April 19th.

9. On March 23rd. the Provisional Government issued a decree authorizing the National Interventor in Cordoba to convoke the electors in that Province to the local elections on May 24th.

10. On March 31st. the President of the Provisional Government officially inaugurated the Municipal Institute of Radiology and Psychotherapy. In a speech delivered by the Mayor of the city, emphasis was laid on the importance of the new establishment for the public health of the City of Buenos Aires.

11. The inauguration took place on March 29th. at Tancacha, Province of Cordoba, of the 4th. grain elevator ordered by the Asociacion de Cooperativas Argentinas. The new elevator, which has been constructed by the Corporacion Americana de Fomento Rural, is similar to those erected by the same Company at Leones, Oliva and Hernando. It has a capacity for 7,000 tons of grain besides the 2,000 tons allotted to it in the terminal grain elevator at Rosario.

12. The Provisional Government by a decree dated March 23rd., and issued on that date through the Ministry of Agriculture, has appointed a committee to organize the collaboration and participation of Argentina in the International Conference of the dairy industry which is to take place at Copenhagen at the end of July next. The committee will be constituted by representatives of the following entities: Ministry of Agriculture, Municipal Intendency, Argentine Rural Society, Centro Nacional de la Industria Lechera, Instituto de la Nutricion, Departamento Nacional de Higiene, Cooperative de Tamberos.

13. Early in March the Minister of Agriculture issued a decree whereby Argentina will be represented at the forthcoming world grain congress and exhibition which is to be held in the near future at Regina, Canada.

14. On March 22nd. the first National Labour Congress to be held in the Argentine was inaugurated, some forty delegates being present.

15. On March 16th. trial runs were made of the new motorcycles incorporated into the city police force. There were two types of machines, and in the trials they achieved a maximum speed of 138 and 148 kilometres an hour, respectively.

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16. On March 15th. six dismantled ships of the Argentine Navy were sold at public auction as follows:

"Patagonia"	sold for 17,500 pesos
"Patria"	" " 26,200 "
"Misiones"	" " 11,300 "
"Los Andes"	" " 22,800 "
"Entre Rios"	" " 8,400 "
"Corrientes"	" " 8,100 "

For lack of a bidder, the old transport ship "Guardia Nacional" remained unsold.

17. On March 6th. the new Brazilian Naval Attache, Capt. Gustavo Gaulart, presented his credentials to the Ministry of Marine.

18. On March 10th. the new Mexican Ambassador, D. Rafael Cabrera, arrived in Buenos Aires.

19. On March 2nd. the Argentine Army officer, Col. Enrique Jauregui, who has been visiting Japan to witness the manoeuvres of the Imperial Army of that country, returned to Buenos Aires. Col. Jauregui will take charge of the Direction of Personnel of the Army.

20. On March 4th. for the first time in history, the official language of Egypt was used in a transatlantic conversation which the Egyptian Minister in Madrid maintained with various officers and technicians of the Union Telefonica, Buenos Aires.

21. At midnight on March 31st., Argentina's first experiment in Daylight Saving ended, clocks being put back one hour.

22. On March 30th. the Directors of the Transradio International held an experimental telephonic conversation with an officer aboard the s/s "Majestic", navigating the North Atlantic. The experiment was very successful.

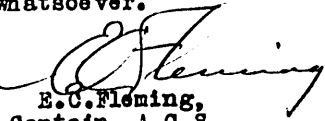
23. On March 30th., the chief radio operator, Sr. Lopez of the s/s "Leviathan" then 1000 miles east of London, held a very clear radiotelephonic conversation with officials of the Union Telefonica. The communication was established by means of the Buenos Aires-Rugby circuit of the Compania Internacional de Radio.

24. On March 12th. the National Interventor of Buenos Aires issued an important resolution annulling the decrees of March 28 and December 5 of last year covering the restrictions imposed upon the sale of naphtha and kerosene within the province. Permission is now given for all the



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provincial authorities, as well as the 110 municipalities, to grant concessions for the sale of naphtha and kerosene to all who apply for them. In the granting of such concessions, however, preference will be given to petroleum from the State Oilfields. Exclusive concessions are absolutely barred, for any period whatsoever.

  
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April 30, 1931.

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Subject: Current Events for the Month of April.

To: A.C. of S., G-2

1. By a decree of the Provisional Government, the 14th. of April was declared a national holiday known as "Pan American Day."

2. On April 20th. by a decree of the Provisional Government, the 1st. of May was declared a national holiday. The preamble to the decree states that May 1st. has become the traditional day of the workers throughout the world, and that the Government recognizes that the workers of Argentina should be given equal facilities with their colleagues in other countries for celebrating the occasion.

3. By a special decree on the 1st. of April, President Uriburu authorized the payment of ex-General Severo Toranzo's pension to his family, despite the fact that he has been struck off the Argentine Army list for his participation in the plot to overthrow the Provisional Government.

4. On the 6th. of April the Bank of the Nation shipped to New York coined gold representing the value of 7,000,000 dollars for the purpose of paying the services of national and provincial loans.

5. Taxi tariffs in the Federal Capital have been modified in a provisional and optional character by a decree of the "Intendente" signed on the 1st. of April. The new plan is that the taximeter only registers 10 cents when the passenger gets in, and for that sum he can travel 300 metres, paying the same amount for each successive three squares. Taxis in the scheme carry a large notice to that effect pasted on the windscreen. The idea is to benefit both the public and the taxi owners. The possibility of applying the new tariff in a general and definite

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character is being studied. However, the plan thus far seems unsuccessful.

6. A new telegraphic service denominated "Luxury telegrams" was inaugurated at the Central Post Office on April 8th. Congratulatory messages and messages of bereavement are written on special forms with a surcharge of 33.- m/n. These new forms were suggested by the Infectious Diseases Section of the Faculty of Medicine as a means of keeping the public attention centred on the important problem of tuberculosis and the necessity of providing funds for the campaign against that disease. The proceeds from the luxury telegrams will be given to Anti-tuberculosis societies.

7. On April 21st. the Union Telephone Company of Buenos Aires inaugurated a new telephone service. Subscribers in the city can now communicate with Gibraltar, the calls being put through on the Buenos Aires - Madrid circuit of the Compañia Internacional de Radio. The tariff for this new service is \$68.15 m/n for the first three minutes and \$22.70 m/n for each succeeding minute or fraction thereof.

8. With the object of reducing rentals for city dwellings, the Provisional Government signed a decree on April 9th. appointing a special central commission to go into the matter thoroughly. Conciliation will be the basis on which the reductions will be sought. At the same time to guide the Government in any action it may ultimately decide to take, the investigators will report where difficulties arise on the value of houses upon which no settlement can be reached, and what, in their opinion, they should be rented for.

9. On the 1st. of April, to the entire satisfaction of the experts who witnessed the operation, a trial was made of small portable scales for the weighing of loaded railway waggons. The scales which are an Argentine invention weigh only about 400 kilogrammes and applied to each wheel in succession gives an aggregate weight exactly equivalent to that of the whole waggon. The scales are easy to handle and should be invaluable to loaders and consignees of produce who might wish to verify the weights given by the railways on delivering cargoes.

10. On April 20th. the Provisional Government of Argentina recognized the Provisional Government of

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Spain.

12. As of April 6th. the state of siege in the Province of Buenos Aires, which had been suspended for the provincial elections, again went into effect.

13. By a decree of the Provisional Government on the 15th. of April the newspaper "Critica" was closed down for a period of forty-eight hours for mis-statements made with regard to the Provisional Government during the Cabinet crisis. (See our Report No. 4339).

14. On April 16th. by a decree of the Provisional Government the paper used by the Press in issuing newspapers is exempted from Customs duties.

15. On April 28th. the Ministry of Finance issued a decree naming Sr. Alejandro Bunge as member of the Directorate of the Bank of the Nation in the place of Dr. Adolfo Casal who has been appointed President of the Bank. Sr. Bunge held up to recently the post of Minister of Finance and Public Works of the Federal Intervention in Santa Fe.

16. On April 24th. the new Ambassador from Uruguay, Dr. Leonel Aguirre presented his credentials to the Provisional Government.

17. Early in April the Provisional Government named Dr. Carlos Estrada, the actual Ambassador in Uruguay, as Argentine Ambassador to the Holy See. To replace Dr. Estrada in Uruguay, the Provisional Government appointed Dr. Jose Maria Cantilo, who had been acting as Minister Plenipotentiary in Switzerland.

18. Doctor C. Gunther, the new Swedish Minister in Argentina arrived in Buenos Aires on April 14th.

19. On the 30th. of April the Provisional Government issued a decree appointing Drs. Alberto Arancibia Rodriguez and Manuel R. Alvarado as Federal Interventors in the Provinces of Santa Fe and Jujuy respectively, to take the place of Dr. Guillermo Rothe and Rear Admiral Carlos G. Daireaux who are now members of the Cabinet.

20. A decree of the Provisional Government issued on April 21 through the Ministry of Foreign

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Affairs accepts the invitation addressed to it by Mons. Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Bureau, to be represented at the forthcoming fifteenth session of the International Labour Conference which is to assemble at Geneva on May 28. The same decree appoints the following delegates: Government delegates: Doctor Juan P. Ramos and Señor Carlos Brebbia; technical counsellor, Doctor Bonifacio Lastra; Employers' delegate: Engineer Victor Valdani; Labour delegate, Señor Bernardo Becerra; labour technical counsellors: Señores Alfredo Viola and Sebastian Marotta.

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VIA DEPARTMENT

May 31, 1931.

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Subject: Current Events for the Month of May.

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1. On the 4th of May Mr. Christian Gunther, the newly appointed Swedish Minister to Argentina, presented his credentials to President Uriburu.

2. On May 26th Dr. Jose E. Uriburu K.E.B. presented to the President of the Provisional Government his resignation of the post of Argentine Ambassador in London, for reasons of a personal nature.

3. On the 19th of May a decree issued through the Ministry of Finance accepts the resignation for reasons of health, of Sr. Samuel F. Casares as a member of the Board of the Caja de Conversion. The same decree nominates Sr. Samuel Ayarragaray as successor to Sr. Casares.

4. On the 29th of May the Minister of the Interior issued the decree whereby the Provisional Government appoints Dr. Carlos Güiraldes as President of the National Labor Department in the place of Dr. Eduardo Maglione, whose resignation was accepted a few days ago.

5. On the 4th of May Dr. Manuel R. Alvarado was named Interventor in the Province of Buenos Aires. Dr. Alvarado was formerly the Interventor in the Province of Jujuj.

6. On May 12th Dr. Jose Lucas Penna was named Federal Interventor in the Province of Jujuj.

7. By decree of the Minister of the Interior on May 19th the resignation was accepted of Dr. Carlos Ibarguren, Federal commissioner in the Province of Cordoba. He is temporarily replaced by Dr. Enrique Torino.

8. Mr. Eugen Stein, Russian Minister to Argentina, definitely announced his departure from this country about the middle of May. Mr. Stein stated publicly that he has no intention of returning.

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9. On the 3rd of May the first grain elevator in the Province of Santa Fe, erected by the co-operative farmers in the district under the auspices of the Asociación Cooperativas Argentinas and the Argentine Grain Pool, was inaugurated at Armstrong.

10. On May 9th the Company Diadema Argentina S.A. de Petróleo inaugurated a Petroleum Refinery situated near the South Dock, Buenos Aires. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Provisional Government, the British Ambassador and business men of all nationalities interested in oil. The President of Diadema Argentina in his inaugural speech stated that the cost of the plant was \$12,000,000.- Argentine Paper and that it represents the last word in engineering. Crude oil from Comodoro Rivadavia would be carried by their own tankers to the plant and once refined would be distributed by the Shell Mex Company.

11. On the 15th of May in the Unión Telefónica Building the first telephone conversation between Buenos Aires and Adelaide, Australia, took place. The communication was via Rugby and Sydney, a double radio telephone hook-up being employed. The distance was approximately 33,000 kilometres, making this the longest commercial telephone circuit established from Buenos Aires up to the present time.

12. On May 21st it was announced that the Transradio Internacional has inaugurated a new direct circuit between Buenos Aires and Brussels which will provide the public with an ultra-rapid telegraphic service with Belgium.

13. As of May 31st. all Telegraphic addresses in Buenos Aires will automatically expire unless previously registered at the General Post Office.

14. On the 18th of May the Banco de la Nación withdrew from the Caja de Conversión \$2,633,388 Gold to be shipped to New York to meet debt services in terms of the authorization decreed by the Provisional Government.

15. It was announced on May 30th that the Bank of the Nation has reduced its re-discount rate to other Banks from six and a half to six percent. The object of the reduction is to provide the market with cheaper money in order to facilitate current business.

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16. On May 12th the Minister of Public Works published a decree ordering all firms engaged in the sale of gasoline to deposit the product of the new two cent road tax to the credit of the National Treasury in the Bank of the Nation. This measure has been taken provisionally in order to give the government time to arrange for the payment of the tax into a special fund to be created in the coming Budget. The decree also stipulates that, until such time as a special department has been created to deal with the tax, administration expenses must not exceed \$2,000.- per month.

17. Argentina's Naval budget for the present year, amounting to a total of \$56,127,423.27 was approved and signed on May 16th.

18. On the 1st of May it was definitely announced that the transfer of funds to incorporate the cruisers "25 de Mayo" and "Almirante Brown" in the Argentine Navy, had been authorized.

19. During the month of May it was announced that the Dirección General de Agricultura y Defensa Agrícola has been authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture to permit the importation of apples and pears from the United States in bushel baskets or in standard barrels. It is also permitted that the paper covering the fruit may bear the stamp of the mark or the name either of the packing firm or of the exporters.

20. Tear Gas equipment was used in Buenos Aires for the first time to quell Labor Day disturbances. Twice on that day the City's recently formed "gas squad" was called out for duty: once to disperse rioters and again to break up an unauthorized Communist meeting, when several arrests were made. Fortunately the very appearance of the gas sprays was sufficient to frighten the crowds who dispersed when the "gas squad" came into view.

21. On May 1st. the Ministry of Finance issued a decree suspending the tax of \$20.- on passages to Montevideo which was imposed by the decree of February 9th last.

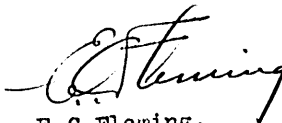
22. In accordance with the Sugar Production Law, the Tucuman sugar output has been limited by a decree issued on May 9th to 278,000 metric tons.



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After negotiations with the National Commission, the sugar manufacturers of Salta and Jujuy have signed an agreement whereby this year's production will not exceed 90,000 metric tons, provided that the Tucuman production does not exceed 278,000 metric tons, the total of 368,000 metric tons to be distributed to the various manufacturers, as determined by the decree. This distribution will be under the control of the Sugar Producers' Chamber of Commerce.



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Subject: Current Events for the month of June.

To: A.C. of S., G-2

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1. The Ministry of the Interior issued a decree on June 26th appointing Dr. Raimundo Meabe as Federal Interventor in the Province of Salta.

2. On June 2nd Dr. Marco Aurelio Avellaneda was appointed director of the Bank of the Nation in succession to Mr. Angel Sanchez Elia, who resigned. The new director of the country's first credit institution was, until recently, Federal Interventor in the province of San Juan.

3. On June 5th the Provisional Government published a decree appointing Dr. Enrique Torino as Federal Interventor in the Province of Cordoba, in succession to Dr. Ibarguren who resigned. Since the Revolution of September 6, the new Interventor had been serving as Minister of Government in the same province.

4. On June 22 Dr. Horacio Calderon was named Federal Interventor in the province of Tucuman. Dr. Calderon was Minister of Agriculture during the Presidency of the late Victorino de la Plaza.

5. On June 16th Sr. Juan MacLean was named Governor of the Chaco owing to Dr. Armando Meabe having resigned.

6. On the 15th of June the announcement was officially made by the Provisional Government that Dr. Manuel Malbran would succeed Dr. J.E. Uriburu as Argentine Ambassador to London. At the same time it was announced that Dr. Felipe Espil, holding the post of Minister to Denmark and Norway, would be appointed Ambassador to the United States.

7. The Ministry of Finance gave telegraphic instructions on June 27th to the Argentine Embassy in London to pay £2,500,000 to Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., and Morgan, Grenfell & Co. The sum in question constitutes fifty per cent of the £5,000,000 loan contracted by

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the Government for one year. The Balance is payable on December 31st.

8. On June 15th the Minister of Finance, Sr. Enrique Uriburu, ordered the Argentine Embassy in London, to place the sum of £1,168,945 at the disposal of bankers to meet the service on the following loans: Crédito Argentino Interno, External Debt and Municipal Loan, Law 5296, which mature on July 1st.

9. In June by the steamers "Southern Cross", "Southern Prince" and "American Legion" the amounts of \$7,096,772 paper currency, gold to the value of \$200,000 dollars, and the equivalent of \$821,630 dollars, respectively, were shipped to the United States for the payment of services of the external debt.

10. On June 16th the Provisional Government issued a decree reducing from 25 per cent to 10 per cent ad valorem the duty on the importation of silk thread destined for the weaving industry of the country.

11. On June 16th a decree was issued by the Municipality of Buenos Aires establishing that first aid stations must be installed in all industrial establishments in which more than fifty men are employed.

12. On June 22nd the Provisional Government through the Ministry of War issued a decree establishing the conditions to be observed for aviation flights during the state of siege. The decree establishes that all aerial activities within the territory of the Republic shall be authorized exclusively by the Dirección General de Aeronautica or the Dirección General de Navegación y Comunicaciones of the Ministry of Marine, the only exception being the airplanes of the companies who exploit regular services of public transport.

13. On June 22 Sr. M. Nijhoff, who has been brought out by the Provisional Government to advise the Ministry of Public Works and the Direction General of Navigation and Ports regarding the best method for the proper exploitation of the port of Buenos Aires, arrived in Buenos Aires.

14. On June 19th four special commissioners were appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture to tour the Parana Delta for the purpose of giving instruction in fruit growing to land holders there. The commission consists of technical experts from the Department's own staff.

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15. On the 14th of June in Fuentes, Province of Santa Fe, the second grain elevator to be erected in that province was inaugurated in the presence of representatives of the national, provincial and commercial authorities, as well as over 5000 farmers and colonists who had come from afar to be present at the opening ceremony.

16. On June 11th the first grain elevator to be erected at the port of La Plata was opened to the public service. It has a total capacity of 3000 tons of grain and can receive grain from the railway wagons at the rate of 200 tons per hour and is provided with accessories which permit of the loading of two ships simultaneously.

17. On June 4th the first telephone conversation between Argentina and the Island of Java was held. The telephone circuit was set up via London and Amsterdam. From Buenos Aires to London the voices travelled over the circuit of the Compañía Internacional de Radio (Argentina); between London and Amsterdam, the land lines of the British Post Office and the Dutch Government, and the submarine cable beneath the English channel were employed; while the final link from Amsterdam to Batavia was provided by the radio-telephone circuit of the Dutch Government. While conversations between Buenos Aires and Australia via London which are now upon a commercial basis, are made possible by a radio relay at Rugby, England, this is the first time that a sustained conversation has been carried on from Buenos Aires using a radio circuit, land lines, submarine cable and another long radio circuit in series.

18. The new direct telephone line linking up Buenos Aires with the city and province of San Juan was inaugurated on June 19th, the first to converse over it being President Uriburu, who exchanged salutations with the Federal Interventor in the Province, Dr. Celso Rojas

19. On June 10th the Compañía Argentina de Teléfonos announced that the preliminary tests of their new transatlantic telephone service had been brought to a successful conclusion. The circuit used was that of the telephone lines between Mendoza and Rosario, belonging to the Compañía Argentina de Teléfonos, which have recently been completed and not yet inaugurated officially; from Rosario to Buenos Aires over the Compañía Telegrafica Telefonica Nacional, and thence through the Transradio Internacional's wireless telephone station.

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20. On June 11th it was announced that the Ministry of War had authorized the re-opening of the Superior School of War which institute was closed for reasons of service after the Revolution of September 6, when the student officers were assigned active posts.


21. The first census taken in the province of Buenos Aires during the past forty one years, is being organized for the coming month of September by a decree on June 8th of the Federal Interventor, Sr. Manuel Alvarado.

22. The seat of Government in the province of Santa Fe was transferred on June 22 from Santa Fe City to Rosario, where the Federal Interventor and his staff will remain until after July 9th.

23. On June 7th the official inauguration of the railway connecting San Juan and Jachal, province of San Juan, took place. This new line of the State Railways passes through the Departments Angaco Sur, Angaco Norte and Albardo.

24. On June 17th the new plant of the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company at Llavallol, province of Buenos Aires, was inaugurated in the presence of H.E. President Uriburu, the United States Ambassador and several prominent Ministers of the Government.

25. On June 10th the new evening paper "Noticias" made its first appearance in Buenos Aires.

  
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Subject: Current Events for the month of July.

To: A.C. of S., G-2

1. On July 15th Dr. Alejandro M. Carrasco, Municipal Commissioner in Rosario since the Revolution of September 6th, was appointed President of the National Mortgage Bank.
2. Lieutenant Colonel Pedro N. Sarapura was appointed, on the 2nd of July, Director of the National Penitentiary in place of Dr. Alberto Viñas, who has been named Consul of the Republic at Cherbourg.
3. On the 1st of July it was announced that Dr. Horacio Calderón had been designated as the new Federal Commissioner for the Province of Tucuman.
4. The Military Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Carlos H. Rodriguez was appointed by the Provisional Government on the 1st of July as head of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Police Force in place of Sr. Cesar Eduardo Etcheverry, who is to assume new duties as Police delegate to Argentine Embassies and Legations in Europe.
5. On July 30th Dr. Ivan Svegal, the new Minister of Yugoslavia in Argentina presented his credentials to the head of the Provisional Government.
6. On July 29th it was announced that the Banco de la Nacion Argentina has withdrawn from the Conversion Office the sum of \$4,145,600 gold destined for exportation in order to meet sundry obligations relative to the public debt. The total amount now available at the Conversion Office, including deposits at the legations, amounts to \$335,141,366 gold.
7. The Provisional Government thru the Ministry of War issued a decree on July 24th authorizing the expenditure of \$27,068.40 pesos for uniforms for the graduates of the Military College. Another decree authorizes \$8,857.40 pesos to be donated to the Society for the Protection of Orphans of the Military.
8. On July 11th it was announced that the

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Provisional Government has authorized the Direction of Aeronautics to instal a radio station at the Military Aviation Base at El Palomar.

9. On July 23rd the Provisional Government issued a decree proroguing to the 30th of January 1932 the time limit for issuing Bank notes against equivalent deposits of gold to the order of the Argentine Embassies abroad, in conformity with the resolution of the Cabinet Council of the 7th of April last.

10. The Provisional Government issued a decree on July 15th authorizing the Direction of Civil Aviation to purchase a Travel Air Plane type 600, closed passenger cabin, 300 H.P. Wright Motor, for the sum of \$32,500 pesos.

11. The Provisional Government issued a decree on the 17th of July postponing indefinitely the enforcement of the new regulation calling for payment of stamp duty at the rate of six per mil per annum on advances in current account. The tax is in abeyance until the details of the scheme have been again reviewed.

12. The Provisional Government issued a decree on the 16th of July permitting the sale of alcoholic drinks and tobacco on Sundays. In the preamble of the decree the Provisional Government states that the regulating decree of the 24th of March 1926, which prohibited the sale of alcoholic drinks and tobacco on Sundays, was contrary to the prescriptions of Art. 86 Clause 2 of the National Constitution since it implied a real modification of the law which it regulated, whose text does not impose the prohibitions referred to.

13. The Provisional Government issued a decree on July 14th bearing on the importation of apples and pears into the country. It is stipulated in this decree that the importation will be permitted in baskets of one bushel or in casks of the standard type and that the paper used to envelop and pack the fruit may carry the stamp or printed mark etc. of the exporting or packing firm.

14. The Provisional Government issued a decree on July 15th authorizing the Post and Telegraph to charge the sum of \$0.20 for each postal parcel received from abroad, instead of \$0.12 charged up to the present.

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15. In accordance with an application from the War Office, the National Intervention authorities issued a decree on July 24th strictly forbidding the discharge of fire arms or the use of any other means of killing or capturing carrier pigeons at any time of the year. Infraction of this decree will be punished by the infliction of a fine of \$50.- or a corresponding term of imprisonment.

16. On July 7th a Brazilian aerial squadron of 7 Savoia hydro-avions each manned by a crew of six persons and under the supreme command of Captain Antonio A. Schorscht, arrived in Buenos Aires to represent Brazilian aviation at the celebration of the Anniversary of Argentine Independence on the 9th of July.

17. Warren L. Baker, Sales Manager of the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore, Maryland, has arrived in Buenos Aires with the object of conferring with the chiefs of the Naval Air Service, and the Director General of Aeronautics, Lieutenant Colonel Angel M. Zuloaga, in order to try and obtain contracts to supply the Argentine Government with new all-metal airplanes.

18. On the 22nd of July a Military "Bristol" plane crashed in the vicinity of Gonzalez Catan, province of Buenos Aires, causing the death of both pilot and observer. The deceased were Sargent A. Garraza and Sargent C. Vargas as observer.

19. A "Samurai", a Japanese sabre, 200 years old, was officially presented to the Military College on July 16th, as a gift from the Japanese Military College, by Lieutenant Colonel Shimono, the Japanese Military Attache in Argentina.

20. On July 24th the first telephone conversation was held between Buenos Aires and Bucharest. The connection was established by means of the Buenos Aires-Berlin circuit of the Compañia Internacional de Radio (Argentina) and the European land lines from Berlin to Bucharest via Vienna.

21. On the 13th of July, 40 non-commissioned officers, who were arrested and condemned in connection with the revolutionary plot discovered in Cordoba last January, left for Ushuaia on board the national transport Pampa.



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22. Captain Edmond C. Fleming, Military Attaché to the Embassy of the United States of America, left Buenos Aires on the 16th of July on leave of absence.

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Subject: Current Events for the Month of August, 1931.

To: A.C. of S., G-2

1. On August 22nd., the Provisional Government issued a decree by which daylight saving in Argentina will commence on October 15th and be in force until the 1st of March.

2. On August 24th the 4th National Economic Conference was held in the National Congress Building. This Conference, which was inaugurated by the President of the Provisional Government, was organized by the Argentine Confederation of Commerce and continues the series of conferences held by the Confederation in the years 1919, 1923 and 1928.

3. On August 16th the International Medical Congress held at the Grand Hall of the Faculty of Medicine was inaugurated. Delegates from many countries were present, including France, Spain, Germany, Brazil, England, etc.

4. In accordance with the resolution of the Supreme Court, Dr. Jose Figueroa Alcorta, President of the Court, wrote to the American Ambassador, Mr. Robert Woods Bliss and to the Belgian Minister, Mr. Henri Ketels, on August 26th, accepting the appointment of Chairman of the Conciliation Commission, created by the treaty between those two nations.

5. On August 17th, telephone service was opened between Argentina and the Island of Java, Dutch East Indies. Connections are made via London and Amsterdam, utilizing the circuit of the Compania Internacional de Radio (Argentina) from Buenos Aires to Rugby, England, the land lines of the British Post Office, the submarine cable under the English Channel, and the short wave radio telephone circuit of the Dutch Government from Amsterdam to Batavia, Java.

6. Saturday, September 5th, has been declared a national public holiday by decree of the Provisional Government on August 29th, to permit proper celebration of the anniversary of the Revolution, which falls on a Sunday this year.

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7. Per the s/s "American Legion" on August 29th, 1,398,280 dollars in gold currency were shipped for the purpose of meeting debt services in the United States.

8. On August 15th, the President of the Provisional Government issued a decree authorizing the Commander of the Third Division of the Army to abrogate the military edicts which established martial law in his jurisdiction, in view of the disappearance of the causes for which they had been issued. The edicts in question were issued by General Luis Bruce, Commander of the Third Division, on his arrival in Corrientes, after the recent revolt of the Third Regiment of Infantry in that Province.

9. It was announced on August 22nd that, in conformity with the instructions imparted by the Ministry of War, the drawing of lots for the citizens of the military class of 1911 who are to be incorporated with the colors next year in the Army and Navy would commence on the 1st of September in the commands of the five Divisions of the Army.

10. On August 20th an aviation accident occurred in Puerto Belgrano which cost the life of the pilot, Lt. Isaac F. Cadaval and the mechanic. The wrecked machine was a Savoia plane.

11. An aviation accident occurred in Corrientes on August 7th when the Dewoitine plane piloted by Lt. Cardalda was wrecked. The only passenger, Dr. Ernesto A. Amadey, Secretary of the Federal Court was instantly killed.

12. On August 12th it was announced by the Pan American Airway Company that as of August 15th the aeroplanes which have been carrying mails to the United States from Buenos Aires, crossing the Andes and following the Pacific coast to New York, would also be used for the conveyance of passengers.

13. As part of the movement of cultural interchange between Great Britain and Argentina, undergraduates from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge under the guidance of Mr. Philip Guedalla are at present visiting Buenos Aires.

14. On August 21st, Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, Director of the Institute of International Education arrived in Buenos Aires. Dr. Duggan is on a goodwill tour of Latin-America with the object of intensifying the means of cultural exchange between the people of North and South America.

15. On August 22nd the ex-Minister of the Interior of the Provisional Government, Dr. Matias Sanchez Sorondo,

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returned to Buenos Aires from France. It is stated that Dr. Sorondo will take part in the campaign for the coming elections.

16. On August 14th a large number of political offenders were shipped to the national penal establishment at Ushuaia aboard the Government transport "Chaco."

17. It was announced on August 18th that Dr. Rodolfo Morono had resigned his appointment as legal representative of the La Plata Government in Buenos Aires in order to leave himself free to engage in the campaign connected with the forthcoming national elections.

18. On August 8th, the new chief of the local bureau of the Associated Press, Mr. Gideon D. Seymour, arrived in Buenos Aires. Mr. Seymour replaces Mr. Nelson Riley, who has been in charge for some three years, and who is returning to New York.

19. On August 4th the Minister of the Interior authorized a party of experts to proceed to the interior where what is known as "Maltese fever" is prevalent to make a study of the disease. According to data collected by the National Health Authorities, the fever has made its appearance in the Provinces of San Juan, Mendoza, Catamarca and Cordoba, and attacks both man and animals alike.

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October 6, 1931.

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Subject: Current Events for the month of September, 1931.

To: A. C. of S., G-2

1. Dr. Daniel Sanchez de Bustamante, the new Bolivian Minister presented his credentials to the Provisional Government on September 1st.

2. On September 28th it was announced that, according to communications received in the Ministry of Foreign Relations, Dr. Nestor Carbonell, the Cuban Minister Plenipotentiary in Argentina who was recalled by his Government had been reappointed to this post.

3. On September 18th by a decree of the Ministry of Foreign Relations, the actual Argentine Minister to Sweden and Finland, Dr. Eduardo Labougle is transferred to Portugal. At the same time the Minister to Japan, Dr. Mario Ruiz de los Llanos is transferred to Sweden and Finland, and the Minister to Columbia, Dr. Rodolfo Freyre is appointed to the Japanese Legation. By the same decree the actual Consul General in Montevideo, Sr. Eduardo L. Colombres is appointed Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Columbia.

4. On September 29th, Dr. Delfin Medina was appointed as the new Federal Interventor in the Province of San Juan.

5. By a decree of the Provisional Government on September 18th, Colonel Alejandro Obligado, who has been in "disponibilidad", was appointed director of the Military Geographical Institute.

6. On the 8th of September the yearly ceremony of the prize giving and appointment of new non-commissioned officers took place at the Military College at San Martin. The prize for the best cadet of the year was awarded to Manuel Lopez Gomez by the Minister of War. The new non-commissioned officer Jose Bello received the "Pro Patria" prize.

7. On September 1st the drawing of lots for conscript service during the coming year, commenced in the office of the Divisional Command in Buenos Aires.

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8. On September 26th it was announced that the Provisional Government had authorized the Ministry of Finance to increase the tax known as "Contribución Territorial" from 6 to 8 per cent per annum. The increase will produce an additional \$13,600,000 per annum for the National Treasury.

9. On September 23rd General Uriburu signed an order committing all the army officers who participated in the recent uprising in Corrientes to terms of imprisonment in the national penal establishment at Ushuaia, and the non-commissioned officers who gave their support to the movement to similar punishment on Martin Garcia Island. On completion of their terms the mutineers will continue under arrest in the interests of public order. The order referred to confirms the decisions reached by the special court-martial that sat in Corrientes after the rising.

10. On September 25th the two new Argentine cruisers "Almirante Brown" and "25 de Mayo", arrived in the port of Buenos Aires.

11. On the occasion of the celebration of the first anniversary of the Revolution of the 6th of September, the Prefect General of Police, Colonel Enrique R. Pilotto, ordered the release of all prisoners detained in the Capital for trivial causes. By virtue of this resolution approximately 167 prisoners regained their liberty.

12. On the 23rd of September the Brazilian aeroplane "Duque de Caxias" carrying three representatives of the Brazilian Army arrived in Buenos Aires on a goodwill tour. Buenos Aires was the third city visited by the "Duque de Caxias", the others being Asunción, Paraguay, and Montevideo, Uruguay. After a stay of a few days, the plane proceeded to Chile.

13. By a decree of the Ministry of the Interior, dated September 30th, the Dirección de Aeronautica Civil actually took over the air service to and from the South Coast, on a six months provisional arrangement with the Compañía Aeroposta. (See our Report No. 4399, July 14th.)

14. The 2nd of September was declared by the "Confederación de la Industria del Comercio y de la Producción" as National Industries Day.

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15. The inauguration took place on September 15th of the telephone line of the Compañia Argentina de Teléfonos and the Compañia Entrerriana de Teléfonos between the cities of Mendoza and Concordia. The new line which is claimed to be the longest in the country, has a total length of 1433 kilometres.

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November 2, 1931.

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Subject: Current Events for the month of October, 1931.

To: A.C. of S., G-2

1. On October 5th the Bank of the Nation withdrew from the Caja de Conversion gold pesos to the value of \$5,351,181.- for the payment of foreign debt services.

2. The Provisional Government issued a decree on October 1st, through the medium of the Ministry of Finance, proroguing to the 31st inst. the time limit for the payment without fine of the land tax (Contribucion Territorial).

3. On October 23rd the Government announced the removal of the special tax recently imposed on private oil producing companies in Argentina. The firms concerned were accordingly able to revise the price of 0.26 centavos per litre established a few days previous to the announcement and continue selling naphtha at the price of 0.22 centavos.

4. On October 2nd the Provisional Government signed a contract with the Asociacion de Cooperativas Argentinas and the Corporacion Americana de Fomento Rural under which the State will guarantee the financing of the construction of a chain of grain elevators to feed the newly inaugurated terminal in the port of Rosario.

5. On October 17th the Federal Interventor in the Province of La Rioja, Rear Admiral Moneta, submitted his resignation to the President of the Provisional Government. It is stated that Admiral Moneta's decision was the outcome of his failure to agree with the Minister of the Interior with regard to a veto placed on Socialist-Progressive Democratic candidates.

6. On October 27th the Minister of the Interior published a decree accepting the resignation from office of the Governor of the territory of Formosa, Colonel Benjamin E. Gonzalez. By another decree Sr. Raul Carranza was appointed to fill the vacancy ad interim.

7. By decree of the President of the Provisional Government on October 16th, to which were affixed the signatures of the members of the Cabinet, Dr.



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Ernesto Bosch, the ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been designated to proceed, in collaboration with the Chief of the Political Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with the help of the Ministries of War and Marine, to study and prepare all the details pertaining to the concurrence of the Argentine Republic at the next World Disarmament Conference.

8. On October 15th, in accordance with the resolution of the Provisional Government, daylight saving came into effect in the Argentine Republic.

9. On October 5th, for the first time in Argentina, "El Dia del Camino" or "Day of the Road" was celebrated, an initiative of the Pan American Road Congress, which has met with the enthusiastic support of the Minister of Public Works. On this day a decree was signed establishing the National Institute of Road Investigation, which will be dependent on the Direction General of Bridges and Roads. The decree authorizes the investment of \$100,000.- pesos for the acquisition of equipment in the experimental laboratory of the said Institute.

10. On the 13th of October 180 politicians and others arrested in connection with the recent subversive movement in the province of Corrientes, were shipped to Ushuaia aboard the Government transport "Chaco".

11. On October 6th the local Press at Tucumán announced the discovery of oil deposits in the Department of Burruyacú, on the right bank of the Urueña, at a place named Morenillo, the find having been duly registered at the Fiscal Office. The Burruyacú region has several times being visited by experts in the belief that oil was to be found there.

12. On October 8th a new contraband, consisting of 36 bales of silk valued at \$100,000.- pesos, was discovered at Conchitas on the coast of Quilmes. The two individuals in charge of the boat were arrested.


13. On October 30th the naval aviator Ensign Carlos Moscarda was killed when his plane crashed shortly after taking off from Punta Indio. On the same day five other pilots sustained serious injuries when five out of fourteen military airplanes crashed during a flight from Cordoba to Buenos Aires. The machines had just been erected in the Army aircraft factory and were being brought to El Palomar aerodrome to take part in manoeuvres during the first part of November.

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14. On the 5th of October the Pan American Grace Airways inaugurated their new passenger line Santiago de Chile-Buenos Aires-Montevideo, formerly a mail route only.

15. On October 22nd unemployed Spanish immigrants, through hunger and desperation, attacked their Consulate in Buenos Aires. Four were seriously wounded, three being members of the Consul General's domestic staff. The Police succeeded in arresting thirty of the rioters.

16. On October 22nd H.M.S. Dauntless left the new port after a fortnight's stay in Buenos Aires.

  
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Subject: Current Events for the month of November, 1931.

To: A.C. of S., G-2.

1. On the 2nd of November, Dr. Adolfo Bioy, who has been temporarily replacing Dr. Ernesto Bosch as Minister of Foreign Affairs, was confirmed in his post by the Provisional Government.

2. By a decree of the Provisional Government on November 28th, Sr. Federico Ghirado has been appointed General Administrator of Internal Taxes in place of Sr. Adriano Diaz Cisneros, who has resigned.

3. On November 26th the Interventor in the Province of Catamarca, General Luis E. Villanueva, announced to the Minister of the Interior that, as the voting in the Province was terminated and as it was necessary for him to attend to matters of a private nature, he was relinquishing his post. He has been replaced by Sr. Telesforo Ubios.

4. By decree of the Provisional Government on November 26th, the Commission charged with the study of promotions in the Army will commence its work on the 10th of December. General Tomas Martinez, Inspector General of the Army, has been designated as President of the Commission. The Director General of Personnel, Colonel Enrique Jauregui, has also been designated to represent the Commission in the considering for promotion of the Lieutenant Colonels of the Army on duty in the Presidency of the Nation, or who are acting as Directors in charge of large areas.

5. By decree on November 2nd it is established that chaplains may enter into the service of the Army up to the age of 45 years instead of 40 as formerly.

6. By a decree of the Provisional Government on November 2nd the Bank of the Nation has placed at the disposal of the Municipality of Tucuman, chargeable to account of the Ministry of Finance, the sum of \$286,692.59 pesos. The loan will have a trimestrial amortization of 25%. This measure was authorized in order that the Municipality might pay the interests on a foreign debt contracted in 1928 with North American bankers for the sum of \$3,396,000 dollars.

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7. By decree of the Provisional Government the Bank of the Nation was authorized to extract gold from the Caja de Conversion to the value of \$500,000 dollars to pay the interest of a loan from the Province of Cordoba.

8. On November 4th the Provisional Government issued a decree authorizing the Direction General of Sanitation of the Ministry of War to invest a sum not to exceed \$3,843.00 pesos for sanitary equipment for said Institute.

9. On November 17th it was announced that the Ministry of Finance had cabled the Argentine Ambassador in Madrid instructing him to pay the service to the 1st of December next of the loan for \$100,000, 000 Pesetas. The loan referred to, of which the interest amounts to the sum of \$1,760,000 Pesetas, was contracted of the Spanish Government in 1927.

10. On November 24th the presentation of diplomas to the new naval aviators took place at the Naval Arsenal of Buenos Aires.

11. The demobilization of the naval conscripts of the military class of 1909 took place on November 28th at the Buenos Aires Naval Arsenal.

12. The gunboat "Parana" entered the new Port on November 2nd after completing its term of training in the waters of the Rio de la Plata. Captain Juan Meriggi, the Commander of the ship has reported to the naval authorities, as required by the regulations in force.

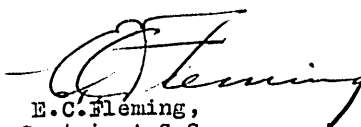
13. Radio Argentina on November 27th inaugurated a direct wireless-telegraphy service between Buenos Aires and Asunción de Paraguay. The uniform tariff of 8 cents gold per word is charged for messages to any part of the Republic of Paraguay, with the exception of telegrams sent to telegraph offices served by the Paraguayan Central Railway for which the tariff is 11 cents gold per word plus 10 cents gold per message.

14. Pan American Grace Airways on November 3rd inaugurated its regular East Coast route between Buenos Aires and the United States, when the first seaplane engaged on the line arrived here from Miami. The Minister of War and many other public functionaries awaited the machine at the New Port. Later in the day General Uriburu cabled President Hoover expressing hopes that the new service would prove a success.

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15. According to a telegram received from Tucuman, the inauguration took place on November 27th of the aerial line between that city and Tafí del Valle, Santa María and Amaicha. The line was inaugurated with a Bellanca airplane sent by the Civil Aviation Corps, which, together with two other machines, a Travel Air and a Curtiss Robin, will attend to the service of passenger and mails transport.

16. On November 28th the Polish Bank Polska Kasa Opieki inaugurated its Branch in Buenos Aires. It is intended that the new Bank will raise the economic level of Polish immigration.

  
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Subject: Current Events for the month of December, 1931.

To: A.C. of S., G-2.

1. On the 1st of December Dr. Frank Romero Day, the Argentine delegate to the Pan American Conference in Washington, returned to Buenos Aires. According to Dr. Day's statement to the Press, in his opinion the Conference offers brilliant prospects for commercial interchange between Argentine and the Union.
2. The President of the Provisional Government signed a decree on December 5th ordering the demobilization of the conscripts in the Army of the class of 1910.
3. On the 5th of December the President of the Provisional Government issued a decree calling for the Municipal elections in the Capital of Buenos Aires to be held on January 10th, next.
4. A decree was signed on December 8 authorizing the Texas Oil Company to construct a storage plant for kerosene, naphtha and oil, at the port of Rosario. The estimated cost of the work is \$270,889.86 m/n.
5. A second contingent of Dutch families of agriculturists selected for the farmsteads at Los Pinos station, in Balcarce, by the Sociedad de Colonización y Fomento Rural, arrived from Europe on the 9th of December.
6. On December 10th the British cruiser "Durban" left the port of Buenos Aires.
7. On the 11th of December the Ministry of Finance telegraphed the Argentine Embassy at Washington to return the sum of \$4,000,000 dollars still on deposit there as a result of the measures adopted last April whereby the diplomatic offices abroad were authorized to receive gold on deposit. With the \$4,000,000 above referred to all such deposits have been cancelled, the totals of which were £3,671,200 and \$34,125,000 dollars.
8. The Union Telefonica of Buenos Aires inaugurated direct telephonic communication with Rio de Janeiro on December 11th.

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9. On December 12th twenty-five arrests were made after a pitched battle with revolvers between federated and free labourers in front of the Federación Obrera Maritima headquarters. More than fifty shots were fired and several of the combatants were injured.

10. On the 13th of December at the naval bases of Puerto Belgrano and Rio Santiago, the demobilization took place of the rest of the conscripts of the class of 1909, who have completed two years' service.

11. As of the 15th of December, by a decree of the National Intervention in Buenos Aires, all operations of loading and discharging fruits, vegetables, timber and merchandise in general are prohibited on the right bank of the Tigre River, in the section comprised between the dock of the Central Argentine Railway and the premises occupied by the Subprefectura.

12. On December 19th, according to advices from Bahia Blanca, the naval aeroplane E-2 of the Base of Puerto Belgrano, crashed at a place known as Las Mostazas near Coronel Dorrego and was completely wrecked. The machine was in charge of pilot Arturo Alarcon and Corporal I. Conchado, both of whom sustained injuries.

13. On December 20th the Spanish training ship "Juan Sebastian de Elcano" arrived in the port of Buenos Aires.

14. On December 22nd at the Aerial Base of El Palomar, the new pilots of the Military Aviation School received their diplomas.

15. On December 24th the aeroplane Pelican E9 of the Navy crashed during a trial flight while it was being piloted by 2nd Lieutenant Luis Bello, who was carrying 2nd Lieutenant Jose Raul Fagaldi as a passenger. Both were fatally injured. According to an official report of the Ministry of Marine, the accident was caused due to the low altitude at which the pilot was flying, and his endeavouring to make too sharp a turn at a deep incline.

16. On the 28th of December the Bank of the Nation withdrew from the Caja de Conversion the sum of \$4,793,350.- gold pesos to meet the interest on its external debt.


17. On December 29th, according to a telegram from Ushuaia, the Director of the Aeroposta Nacional, Sr. R.L. Cambaceres, arrived in that locality piloting the

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R.43 plane of the Bahia Blanca-Rio Gallegos service. This was the first time that an aeroplane landed at Ushuaia.

18. Dr. Guillermo Rothe, Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, presented his resignation to the President of the Provisional Government on the 30th of December. Dr. Rothe has been elected senator for the province of Cordoba.

19. The first television Company in South America was inaugurated in Buenos Aires on the 31st of December. This company known as the Baird Television Limited is the exclusive concessionary of the Baird Company of London. Its capital is totally Argentine.

  
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